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SUBJECT: PASTRANA'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA

REF: BOGOTA'S 6005

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1. PRESIDENT PASTRANA'S RECENTLY CONCLUDED VISIT TO VENEZUELA WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE COLOMBIAN PUBLIC AND PRESS. THE CONSTRUCTIVE TONE THAT MARKED PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS COVERAGE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. WHILE THE LACK OF SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS HAS BEEN NOTED, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO THE GULF OF VENEZUELA CONTROVERSY, THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY SERIOUS EXPECTATION THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WOULD BE THE OCCASION OF SUCH AGREEMENTS. THERE WAS, ACCORDINGLY, NO DISAPPOINTMENT IN THIS REGARD. THE VISIT IS SEEN AS HAVING STRENGTHENED THE EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND IS VIEWED, IN THAT LIGHT, AS A SUCCESS.

2. THE FORMAL STATEMENT ON THE VISIT FROM THE PRESIDENCIA
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IS DUE TO BE RELEASED LATER THIS WEEK. NO SURPRISES ARE EXPECTED.

3. WHEN QUESTIONED ON CARACAS PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT
PASTRANA INTENDED TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO CUBA IN THE NEAR
FUTURE, FONOFF OFFICIALS FLATLY DENIED SUCH REPORTS. THEY
STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN COLOMBIA'S POLICY IN
REGARD TO THE CURRENT REGIME IN CUBA.
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